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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
 - ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
 - ☒ the description:
 - pages 1-7 as originally filed/furnished
 - pages* received by this Authority on with the letter of
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 - ☒ the claims:
 - pages as originally filed/furnished
 - pages* as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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 - ☐ the description, pages
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 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-7	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-7	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-7	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

D1 = US 5683087
D2 = US 5679000
D3 = US 2002/0195772

None of the cited documents discloses the subject matter of these claims. Therefore the subject matter of these claims is new and meets the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT with regard to novelty. The subject matter of these claims is not obvious and meets the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT with regard to inventive step. The subject matter of these claims is also industrially applicable.

THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. An educational apparatus including a board having a playing surface with a pathway and a plurality of steps, each step having the requirement that a player who lands on the step shall answer a question in relation to a group of questions relevant to the culture and the history or otherwise of a cultural group and where each player, successfully answering the question, is entitled to add one element to a central construction or image, where a successful end to the game is when the central image or construction is visually completed, wherein the central image or construction is a bridge, including as a central image a bridge where there are either cards that depict a portion of the image of the bridge, which when placed together provide the image of the bridge in total.
2. A method for playing a cultural board game that describes by way of questions and answers the reconciliation process in Australia, the board having a main path with a plurality of steps, the method including a minimum of two and a maximum of six players to play the game by rolling a die to provide a result and allowing a player to advance a marker a number of steps along the main path:

each player selecting a marker being a piece or portion of a picture;

selecting a first player to roll the die to begin progression about the main path;

upon the player travelling the number of steps in accordance with their roll of the die answering a question in relation to a particular

cultural group, and

upon successfully answering the question is entitled to add one element to a construction or image.

- 5 3. The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein upon answering the question correctly the player is allowed to roll the die again to proceed around the board.
- 10 4. The method in accordance with claim 3, wherein once a player has completed a single lap around the main path they are allowed to then add their marker to a central predefined area and are then allowed to assist other players in answering their questions if required.
- 5 5. The method in accordance with claim 4, wherein the player may ask other players for assistance in answering a question.
- 15 6. The method in accordance with claim 5, wherein each player's marker has a portion of a picture printed thereon and when combined with the other markers provides a completed picture.
7. The method in accordance with claim 6, wherein the central construction or image is a bridge.

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